

AN ORDINANCE

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BY: ZONING COMMITTEE

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ATLANTA ZONING CODE SECTIONS 16-20.008(b)(4)b. AND 16-20.008(c)(2)a. SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION AND REQUIRING INSTEAD THAT SUCH NOTICE BE PUBLISHED ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 16-20.008(b)(4)b. of the City of Atlanta Zoning Code requires that public hearings on Type II Certificates of Appropriateness be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least one (1) week prior to the hearing;

WHEREAS, Section 16-20.008(c)(2)a. of the City of Atlanta Zoning Code requires that public hearings on Type III Certificates of Appropriateness be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 15 days prior to the hearing;

WHEREAS, Section 16-20.008(d)(3)b. of the City of Atlanta Zoning Code requires that public hearings on Type IV Certificates of Appropriateness be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 15 days prior to the hearing by requiring the same notice of public hearings as provided for in Section 16-20.008(c)(2);

WHEREAS, the Urban Design Commission paid approximately \$13,000 out of a \$130,000 budget last year for legal ads published in papers of general circulation;

WHEREAS, notice on the official City of Atlanta web site is more economical and will provide citizens with a more readily accessible means of notification than will publication in a paper of general circulation;

WHEREAS, notice will continue to be provided by regular mail to all property within 300 feet of the property applying for a Type III or Type IV Certificate of Appropriateness and signs will continue to be posted on the property which is the subject of the application;

WHEREAS, signs will continue to be posted on the property which is the subject of an application for a Type II, Type III or Type IV Certificate of Appropriateness;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Atlanta to be provided notification by means of this more efficient and available notification process;

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 16-20.008(b)(4)b. of the City of Atlanta Zoning Code which now reads as follows:

b. Notice of all applications for certificates of appropriateness shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the city at least one (1) week prior to such meeting. Said notice shall state the date, time, place and purpose of said hearing.

shall be amended so to now read as follows:

b. Notice of all applications for certificates of appropriateness shall be published on the official City of Atlanta web site at least one (1) week prior to such meeting. Said notice shall state the date, time, place and purpose of said hearing. The notice shall include the location of the property and the present zoning classification of the property.

Section 2. That Section 16-20.008(c)(2)a. of the City of Atlanta Zoning Code which now reads as follows:

a. At least 15 days prior to the hearing, notice shall be published within a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of the city. The notice shall state the time, place and purpose of said hearing. The notice shall include the location of the property and the present zoning and historic classification of the property.

shall be amended so to now read as follows:

a. Notice of all applications for certificates of appropriateness shall be published on the official City of Atlanta web site at least 15 days prior to such meeting. Said notice shall state the date, time, place and purpose of said hearing. The notice shall include the location of the property and the present zoning classification of the property.

Section 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be repealed.